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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German references DE 14 55 743, DE 41 37 344, DE 94 06 435 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

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An English translation of the German Office Action dated September 10, 2003 citing DE 41 37 344, DE 37 15 764, and DE 34 13 379 is submitted herewith.

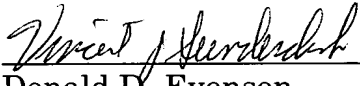
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